

On the Street

Male Wood, grey and fancier, that a picture will be made of the dogs and owners on Monday, January 14, and he requests that all who have greyhounds bring them in on that day and participate in a free-for-all rabbit run that is to be staged south of Decatur. Date will give a five-dollar greenback to the owner of the dog that catches the greatest number of rabbits.

Baum Makes Gift to Scouts

Miss Bell Ford, leader of the local Girl Scouts organization, has received from Ed H. Baumgartner a Christmas present to the scouts organization of a check for \$25.00. Miss Ford said the money would be used to purchase needed uniforms for each of the girl members and to carry forward little incidental charity work. It is needless to say that the girls' organization is highly appreciative of Baumgartner's generosity.

Entertainers Entertain

Wednesday's luncheon of the Lion's Club proved unusually interesting. The guests were Mrs. M. J. Moody and Jesse Ramsey, of Decatur College, contributing a pleasing program of violin and piano numbers and Miss Scott, executive teacher in the Rhine school, presiding with a reading. Other guests were Mr. John of Bridgeport, Mrs. Carl Slay, who accompanied Miss Scott from Rhine. The president of the club announced a decision for the next meeting. The subject will be "Resolved, that the American Borealis shines brighter and is more useful to civilization than the evening Bug." Lion Luther Tucker gave the affirmative side and Mr. Prunty the negative. A penalty of \$5.00 will be assessed for failure of either side to respond. Coming at the next meeting also will be a serious business of the election of officers for the next year. A special nominating committee was appointed to make recommendations of officers.

Letters From Messenger Friends

The Messenger is human, and letters like the following make the editor feel that his efforts are appreciated, and that he appreciates his friends and the words they express.

Paradise.—Keep the Messenger going to me; can't do without it.—B. Cleveland

Dallas, Texas.—Dear Dick: As you always seem a little white headed who lost his cap at school, I your article about Mrs. Cris. Simon, and I think it fine; to throw some while we live. We old people few of them. I see footprints on sand of time. Your dear old dad came to our house in Slidell many years ago, vowing "they were stacked at Burton's like sardines in a box," and we enjoyed his visit with us. I remember him saying that "Dick will carry on this work when I am planted" and I see you are true to the last he left you. Dr. Turner and I love your paper so much. Wishing the Wise county people a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.—Ida Turner.

San Angelo, Texas.—Dear Dick: The good old Messenger keep coming. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the wish from us.—N. W. Holcomb and Bascom.

Dallas, Texas.—Dear Mr. Collins: I really do enjoy reading the Messenger Saturday morning, and want to compliment you on the splendid success you are having with the paper. We everyone in Decatur my love, and we you and Mrs. Collins enjoy the Christmas holidays.—Ann Plaxco.

Austin, Texas.—Friend Dick: I read my Wise County Messenger and read with a heart full of earnestness and appreciation the beautiful tribute you paid to my brother, I. It all rang so true and sincere. I am sure nothing more appropriate or full of feeling could have been written by anyone. I am sure I am voicing the opinion of the family who will read it. I say it is the sweetest I have read, and we all thank you very much for the beautiful and loving tributes contained therein. With the kindest regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, Sincerely, Friend, C. V. Terrell.

Dear Clifton of Altus, Okla., who recently underwent an operation at the Sanitarium is recovering nicely. He will be out in time to spend the holidays with the folks at home.

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WANT WOODRUFF FOR SPEAKER

County Supporters Ask Members to Elect Him to Post

Realizing that the elective representatives of the people of Texas when they assemble in Austin in January in the forty-first legislature, will desire to elect as their presiding officer a man who is free from any bias in favor of or prejudice against any of our state institutions and one who is not a hold-over from any previous trades made in the speakership contest, the citizens of Wise county offer the name of the Honorable Grady Woodruff of Decatur, as a candidate for speaker.

Mr. Woodruff has the confidence and esteem of the citizenship of Wise county, which he has ably and worthily represented in the house of representatives during two sessions of the legislature. He is a lawyer of ability and possesses dignity and poise so essential to the speakership of the house of representatives. He is an adept parliamentarian. His judicious mind and calmness bespeak for the house a fair-minded presiding officer.

Wise county citizens and taxpayers do not believe that the house will desire to elect any man who represents a district in which is located an institution whose representatives will be knocking on the door of the appropriations committee, the members of which are appointed without review from the house by the speaker, asking for large appropriations of the people's money. Nor do they believe that the next legislature, composed largely of new members, will wish to elect a man as speaker simply because of promises made in the heat of the speakership campaign of two years ago.

In Mr. Woodruff the membership of the house has an opportunity to elect a man thoroughly familiar with the routine of legislative machinery, from a section of the state which has not furnished a speaker in many years and who, in every respect, will prove worthy of the great trust and obligations of his native state.

BILL BOARD IS ATTRACTIVE SIGN

Decatur's unique town advertising bill board that sits on the railroad and highway rights of way just off East Main street where the street turns into the highway elicits no end of comment from travelers. It blazes to the world the internationally famous ejaculation, "Eighteen from Decatur," in all verity it puts over well and thoroughly the job of town advertising.

For instance it occasioned a remark from Deputy District Governor Gray of the Lions Clubs International, who was a guest of the local club at the luncheon recently. Lion Gray said he felt right at home when he reached Decatur on the bus and read the familiar emblem of crap shooting notoriety on the sign board. "Many a time when I was a student I found myself in beleaguered circumstances, when the only thing to do was to supplicate a bestial of luck at the hands of the celebrated Eighteen," he said. Then to prove his reformation, Lion Gray went ahead and preached the Lions an inspiring sermon on the worth of character.

This entire incident brings to mind the belated thanks that were voted President Dodson by the chamber of commerce last Monday night for his act of generosity in erecting the sign at his own expense and for his several subsequent acts of keeping the sign board painted. Coupled with the resolution were also terms of appreciation of Mr. Dodson for having sent a delegate to the state terracing school at Arlington recently, and for services and leadership in connection with the recent district chamber of commerce convention.

Sam Faith of Plainview, is here at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Faith is eighty years of age and has been in failing health for several years.

Miss Mary Frances Whitehead of T. W. C., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.



Hon. Grady Woodruff

OFFICER SHARP IS TOWN COP

Charles Sharp has been appointed a special officer with police powers by the mayor and city council to preserve order, direct traffic and to make himself generally useful during the stress of the holidays. He began his duties Tuesday and already an improvement is noted. Officer Sharp is under injunctions in one particular to restrain thoughtless young America from doing possible serious damage from the explosion of fireworks in hazardous situations. Considerable complaint has already arisen from this source, especially on the part of women guests of the town who have been rendered extremely nervous by having fireworks thrown under their feet. It is no part of a desire of city officials, according to statements from them to unduly interfere with holiday gaieties and their restraint will extend only to the protection of life, limbs and nerves as well as a proper control of traffic in the interest of the convenience of all.

MISS ALMA SIMMS GETS HIGH PRAISE

With regard to the two garden contests conducted by the Woman's Home Demonstration Club, under the guidance of Miss Alma Sims, county home demonstration agent, at Paradise last spring and fall, Miss Sims has received a very complimentary letter from Fred W. Westcott, director of rural college, C. I. A., Denton, who judged both exhibits.

A part of Mr. Westcott's comment to Miss Sims was as follows: "Under separate cover I am returning the spring and fall garden contest records. I enjoy looking over them and without flattering I must say they are wonderful reports."

"I am attaching my score cards for both the spring and fall shows. The spring show totaled 884 points of a possible thousand and the fall show 867 points."

Paradise women made two exhibitions of vegetables in the spring at Paradise, and in the fall at Decatur in connection with Miss Sims county home demonstration exhibit held in the chamber of commerce hall. Both were splendid showings of the products that may be grown in a garden in Wise county and were highly creditable both to the Paradise women and to Miss Sims.

Z. F. Lillard, local Chevrolet dealer, headed a party of Wise county citizens who went to Dallas Tuesday to see the new cars now on display for the first time in this section of the state. Large delegations from other parts of the state were in attendance, and from expressions heard about the latest Chevrolet, the new machine will prove one of the most popular cars that has ever been constructed. The demonstration was held in the junior ball room of the Adolphus hotel in Dallas.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the members of the Wise County Home Protective Association, No. 1 will meet on the First Monday in January at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. All members are requested to be present. J. C. DUNAWAY, Secretary.

Mrs. B. W. Donaldson is very ill at her home in south Decatur.

PATRON SAINT VISITS DECATUR

Gives Tickets for Prizes and Will Return Here Tomorrow

Old Santa came to Decatur last Saturday and spread joy in the hearts of a host of little folks. They had all assembled on the streets and walks to greet him and when he emerged in the early afternoon they met him with gleeful acclaim. St. Nick apparently was none the less interesting to the kids who have grown up to maturity but who still have the spirit of Santa Claus fortunately abiding in their hearts.

Santa freely distributed tickets for something like a hundred nice prizes now on display in the show windows of the stores and shops of Decatur. These prizes are to be given away to the holders of the lucky numbers next Monday afternoon at five o'clock. Santa Claus will come back again tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon to distribute more tickets. Monday morning a numbered ticket will be put on every show window in town offering prizes and those who, in the distribution of prizes have received numbers to correspond with these numbers, will be given these prizes. All those who have and will receive tickets are invited to inspect the show windows, especially next Monday when the prizes will bear the duplicate numbers. Look for a gift which bears these words on a green placard: "Santa Claus Gift." They are the prizes that are to be given away. Don't forget to make a search of the stores and shops everywhere, all around the square and off the square. Many of these prizes are located in the stores and shops down East Main street and the search should extend that far. Don't present the prize-winning tickets until five o'clock of Monday afternoon.

Santa will make his third visit on Monday afternoon but instead of tickets for presentation will bring along a quantity of tokens for little folks who should be there to receive them.

The committee's program will close Christmas Eve with a band concert and the singing of carols on the public square. Everybody is invited to come out and join in the singing of the old songs.

LAWYERS CALL DOWN PAPER

To the Editor of the Messenger:

In the issue of the Messenger, of December 14, there was a statement attributed to Mr. W. C. Shults, attorney, to the effect that in the suit of Mrs. Effie Covington against the Sextet Local Mutual Aid Association judgment was awarded to Mrs. Covington by the district court, and that the court of civil appeals had affirmed the judgment of the district court, and further, that the supreme court had now reversed the judgments of the district court and the court of civil appeals and rendered judgment in the case in favor of the insurance association.

As attorneys for Mrs. Covington in this litigation we had not supposed that the case was of sufficient public concern to draw a front page position in the Messenger, but as the Messenger made a page 1 story out of the matter we feel that it is not inappropriate in the interest of accuracy—to suggest some revision of the Messenger's report in the particulars mentioned, i. e., that Mrs. Covington won the case in the district court and in the court of civil appeals but that the supreme court had now reversed the two lower courts and had decided the case in favor of the insurance association.

Considering the Messenger's great reputation for fairness and truth in its columns, we feel sure that, in its reports of matters deemed to be of public interest, it does not intend to mislead its vast body of readers, and that it will give to this correction of its report of the Covington case a place of prominence equal to that of the first report published. So assuming, we shall say then that, as the court records show, Mrs. Covington did not win the case in the district court, and the court of civil appeals did not affirm the judgment of the

POPULAR PAPER LIST IS GROWING

Between Fifteen Hundred and Two Thousand Will Enroll

New and renewal subscriptions during the past few days received by the Messenger:

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district. To the contrary, Mrs. Covington lost the decision in the district court, but upon appeal of the case to the court of civil appeals at Fort Worth, that court reversed the judgment of the district court and rendered judgment against the insurance association and in Mrs. Covington's favor. The insurance association thereupon filed its application in the supreme court for a writ of error, solely upon the theory that the decision in favor of Mrs. Covington by the Fort Worth court of civil appeals was in conflict with the decision of a somewhat similar case by the court of civil appeals at Texarkana.

The courts of civil appeals are intermediate courts, subordinate in power and jurisdiction to the supreme court, and, in order to preserve uniformity in our system of jurisprudence when the decisions and opinions of the intermediate courts come into conflict with each other, as they sometimes do, it becomes the duty of the supreme court, upon proper presentation of the matter to it, to reconcile the conflict, or to declare which one of the intermediate courts has properly decided the question.

In the Covington case the supreme court granted the insurance association's application for a writ of error because of the alleged conflict between the decisions of the courts of civil appeals before mentioned, but this action of the supreme court does not in any sense mean that that court has decided the case against Mrs. Covington and in favor of the insurance association. It means merely that the case has been docketed and will be set down for a hearing at a future date, and, assuming that there is a conflict between the decisions of the courts of civil appeals upon the question involved in the Covington case, it is therefore yet to be determined whether or not Mrs. Covington has lost her case, for the court of last resort has not yet spoken for or against her.

It is not our purpose to attempt to forecast the decision of the supreme court, but we do not think it out of place to say that, when we took the Covington case to the Fort Worth court of civil appeals we were well aware of what the Texarkana court had already said upon the supposedly similar question. PATTERSON & CATES

DAIRY CENTER DRAWS PEOPLE

Want Information Concerning Decatur and Big Industry

During the present year the chamber of commerce has handled a considerable volume of correspondence on the subject of the dairy industry of Wise county. The following two inquiries which came last week are examples of the kind of information that is desired. Such inquiries and the many others like them received through the year attest that Wise county has acquired notoriety through the southwest for progress made in diversified farming pursuits. The letters:

"Sumner, Texas.—I wish to have information regarding the selling of whole milk and also cream."

"I have been reading in the papers about Decatur and surrounding country being made prosperous thru cows and would like to know the price of the land in general.—J. D. Ingram."

"Mangum, Okla.—The president of our Kiwanis Club, who is also a director of our chamber of commerce, has asked me to write you for information with reference to the dairy industry in Decatur. That is, just what it has done for Decatur and Wise county, also especially any information you might give regarding the drying plant."

"We will need this information to be able to give our chamber of commerce in an open meeting the 17th some idea of what we want to do for our county the next year."

"The writer will especially appreciate anything you might say and some time try to reciprocate.—C. L. Alexander."

Somebody try to land the writer of the first letter as a citizen. If you have a farm for sale write to this inquirer about it.

RED CROSS IS NEEDING FUNDS

The number of persons affected by the West Indian hurricane which in September caused heavy loss of life and property destruction in Florida, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, is placed at 500,000 in a preliminary report on the disaster and the subsequent relief work of the American Red Cross made public today by S. A. Lillard, chairman of the local chapter.

With a relief fund of approximately \$5,567,000 the Red Cross is engaged in a reconstruction program in the effected territory which is said to be next to the largest disaster relief tasks the organization has ever faced in this country. Only following the great Mississippi Valley flood of 1927 has it ever before been called upon to administer to the relief needs of as many sufferers from one catastrophe.

Reported deaths in Porto Rico are given in the report as 271, while more than 3,000 persons were injured. In Florida more than 1,801 were killed, mostly by drowning, and about the same number injured. Property damage was extensive in both areas, a total of 136,904 home and other buildings being destroyed or damaged in Porto Rico, while 31,615 suffered a similar fate in Florida. In addition to this Porto Rico suffered the loss of approximately 9,300 head of live stock and 220,000 chickens and other poultry. So heavy was the destruction on the islands that not less than a half million persons were left destitute.

All emergency relief work in both disaster areas has been completed, the report states, and the organization is concentrating its efforts on reconstruction measures, looking toward the permanent reestablishment of families. Chief among these are assistance in rebuilding and repairing damaged structures, providing household effects, making special provisions for widows and orphans left destitute by the disaster, and the extension of special assistance to farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cunningham of Abeline, are visiting Mrs. Cunningham's mother, Mrs. Mattie Wallace, and other friends and relatives in and around Decatur.

Ira Maley was in Dallas Tuesday.

OLD SETTLER OF COUNTY PASSES

Mrs. C. C. Thompson, more than half century a citizen of Wise county, died Thursday afternoon, December 13th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Sellers, in Fort Worth, following a long illness. For the past two years Mrs. Thompson has made her home in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Sellers. Mrs. Thompson at the time of her death was 80 years of age. Old timers in Wise county will remember her as a woman of exceptional ability, and one who took a leading part in the social affairs of the community when she and her husband, the lamented Capt. Charlie Thompson lived on a farm south of Decatur. Many social affairs were given at the Thompson home, and genuine southern hospitality was found there at all times. Mrs. Thompson had numerous friends in Decatur and community, and they appreciated her for her splendid worth as a citizen and neighbor.

As Alice Beeson she came to Wise county in 1869 and here met C. C. Thompson whom she married in 1871. Mr. Thompson was a confederate soldier and Indian fighter. He died fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Thompson was a native of Kentucky. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Beeson, she came in a wagon to Texas and the family settled at Daingerfield in 1857. Her uncle, a Dr. Beeson, was a founder of Trinity University at Waxahatchie.

When the farm, five miles south of Decatur, was bought from Peter Smith, who afterward was mayor of Fort Worth, the future Mrs. Thompson drove with her family to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Thompson often related stories of a horse the family owned in Wise county. To keep the Indians from stealing him, the horse, on moonlight nights, was kept tied to the front gate. On those rare occasions in the early days "when a man had to leave the country" the horse was sometimes loaned out. The man would ride him until he reached safety and then turn the horse loose and he would find his way back home.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by two

daughters, Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. T. C. McMurray, of Fort Worth; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the chapel of Harveson & Cole in Fort Worth, Rev. E. H. Eckel, rector of the St. Andrews Episcopal church, officiating. The body was brought to the Sand Hill cemetery, where interment took place. A large number of Decatur citizens, long-time friends of the deceased, attended the burial.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Bell will preach next Sunday morning on, "The Gift That Christ Desires." At 7 p. m. the choir will give a sacred concert, the program of which appears elsewhere.

At 7 p. m. Monday there will be a Christmas tree in the church. But before the appearance of Santa Claus twenty-four girls from the intermediate department of the Sunday school will present a Christmas pantomime, "At the Door of the Inn." The scene is laid before the khan at Bethlehem during the late afternoon and night of the nativity. This pantomime will be presented under the direction of Mrs. B. A. Man and will be well worth the time of all who can attend. All are invited.

BUFFET SUPPER GIVEN D. H. S. FOOTBALL BOYS

The members of the Decatur High School football team with their friends were given a buffet supper at the school building last Friday night. Before going to the school building the party assembled at the home of Miss Virginia Patterson, where games were played.

Captain Jim Smith was master of ceremonies, and during the supper speeches were made by J. P. Potter, football manager; Charley Belew, captain of the team; J. B. Roach, line captain, and Superintendent L. B. Gill.

Following the supper they returned to the Patterson home, where they had another social hour.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert Harland and Miss Lona Ham. Harvey Faith and Miss Irene Denny. Loyce J. Terry and Miss Wilma H. Sherrell.

WOLF BOUNTY GIVEN INCREASE

Responding to the supplication of many citizens of the county that an endeavor be made to exterminate the wolf pest of the county the Wise county commissioner's court, following an open hearing granted on the request last Monday, has decided to pay a bounty for the capture and killing of wolves anywhere in the county.

As a preliminary, however, the county will first be compelled to seek a special exemption of Wise county from the provisions of the present state law which limits expenditures for wolf bounties to two dollars per wolf. This precedent has been followed by numerous counties of Texas which have desired to offer a higher bounty than is allowed by the present statute. The court has already arranged with Representative Woodruff for the introduction of this special local bill to affect Wise county in the session of the state legislature that meets early in January. Representative Woodruff is of the opinion there will be no delay in the passage of the bill and that the court will be empowered to act early in the year in its desire to start the campaign of wolf clean-up in time to afford some protection to livestock, poultry and turkey raisers in advance of the spring breeding and hatching season.

The court and County Judge Faith acted as a unit in favor of the movement, being convinced on the evidence submitted by leading farmers and citizens of the county that the costly depredations of wolves in Wise county should speedily be terminated. They are of the opinion also that the payment of a good stiff bounty will be necessary to stimulate a wholesale onslaught on the large number of wolves in the county by citizen trappers and those who have dog packs.

Church of Christ

There will be preaching at the Church of Christ in Decatur next Sunday, December 23rd, by regular minister, Rev. J. F. Killian of Fort Worth.

Bible lesson at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. You are invited to attend.

Sunday Evening Program at Baptist Church

The following is the program of special music to be given at the Baptist church Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock.

Sing Along Choir
It Came upon the Midnight Clear Choir
O, Night Divine Solo
Mrs. F. V. McMordie
Jesus Our Lord Solo; Women's Cho.
Miss Frances Roberts, Soloist
Birthday of a King Solo
Clarence Ford
Silent Night Double Quartet
Star of Bethlehem Solo
Miss Lennie Blewett
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Choir
O, Come All Ye Faithful Double Qt.
Away in a Manger Duet
T. F. Glosup; Miss L. Blewett
When Jordan Hushed Choir
The Heavenly Star Solo
Miss Frances Roberts
All Hail the Power Choir
O, Holy Night Solo
Thos. F. Glosup
Joy to the World Choir

SORE GUMS—Pyrrhea

Heal your gums and save your teeth. Its simple. Just get a bottle of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy and follow directions. Don't delay; do it now. Leto's is always guaranteed.

Renfro's Drug Store

Gas Made Her Cross Can't Eat or Sleep

"When I ate I would bloat up with gas. I couldn't sleep, was cross and nervous. Adrika has given me real relief."—Mrs. Glenn Butler.
Adrika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adrika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see

how much better you feel. surprise you!

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Nursing Mothers
Scott's Emulsion

Auction Sale

AT AUDOBON, THURSDAY, DEC. 27,

Beginning at 10 a. m.; We will sell—

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MILK PER DAY

TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

Gifts for Everybody from Store of Christmas Spirit

Our entire sales force have been busy all the week arranging stocks and putting on display holiday goods in order to make your shopping much easier. Come—Let us help you solve your gifts problems. Everything for the entire family here. Visit the store of Christmas Spirit

For Mother, Sister, or Sweetheart Say It With a Smile

Ladies' Coats	\$9.95 to \$35.00
Silk Dresses	\$5.95 to \$25.00
Bath Robes	\$3.95 to \$14.95
Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Children's Sweaters	98c to \$4.95
Mantle Clocks	\$3.95
Vanity Sets	98c, \$1.50 to \$6.50
Vanity Sets	50c to \$2.50
Handkerchief Boxes	25c to \$2.50
Luncheon Sets	\$1.00 to \$4.95
Bridge Sets	75c to \$2.50
Ladies' Purses	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Hat Boxes	\$3.45 to \$10.00
Silk Hosiery	50c to \$3.95
Bath Sets	85c to \$2.50
Guest Towels	50c to \$1.95
Bath Mats	98c to \$2.48
Garter Sets	25c to \$1.25
Puff Sets	25c to \$2.50
Beaded Necklace	98c to \$4.95
Silver Mesh Bags	\$2.45 to \$9.00
Week End Bags	\$6.50
Floor Lamps	\$5.95
End Tables	\$2.45
9x12 Congolium Rugs	\$8.85

Greetings

To our many friends and customers
who have helped to make 1928 one
of our most successful years since
we have been in business, we extend
to you one and all a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year. May you ever
enjoy health and prosperity.

For Men and Young Men

Overcoats	\$9.85 to \$19.95
Stetson Hats	\$7.50 to \$12.50
Felt Hats	\$2.95 to \$7.50
Dress Shirts	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Hand Bags	\$3.95 to \$15.00
Dress Shoes	\$3.95 to \$10.00
Men's Scarfs	\$1.00 to \$3.45
Slk and Wool Sox	25c to \$1.50
Leather Jackets	\$8.85
Pipe Sets	\$2.50 to \$10.00
Leather Bill Fold	\$1.95 to \$5.00
Watches	\$1.95 to \$3.50
Kid Gloves	\$1.50 to \$3.50
Men's Ties	25c to \$1.50
Silk Handkerchiefs	65c to \$1.00
Lounging Robes	\$5.95 to \$10.00
Smoking Sets	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Cigarette Cases	75c to \$1.00
Cuff Links	35c to \$2.50
Sweaters	98c to \$10.00
Pajamas	\$1.75 to \$2.50
House Shoes	59c
Mens' Belts	50c to \$2.00
Golf Socks	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Hose Suspenders	25c to 50c

These and a thousand other items on display. Come Folks, come. A hearty welcome awaits you here. Come, see our show window! For the convenience of our customers this store will remain open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings until nine o'clock

J. J. Rieger Dry Goods Company

On West Side of Square

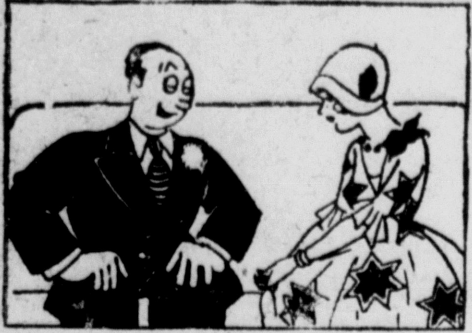
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Decatur, Texas

Happy Moments



When you're introduced to just about the most gorgeous girl you ever laid eyes on—



And she tells you she ADORES a man who dresses with careful good taste—



And when she remarks how UNUSUALLY good-looking your Florsheim shoes are—say—that's a happy moment you never WILL forget!

There's a certain assurance about the smart style of Florsheim Shoes which somehow is passed on to the man who wears them—wherever he goes. And maybe Florsheim good looks alone won't be a girl's favor, but from what we've been told—they certainly do help!

J. J. RIEGER
DRY GOODS COMPANY

SKYGAK SAYS PARKING IS BAD

On a recent Saturday afternoon, while the writer was standing on the corner by the bank, he noticed a considerable quantity of water running along the gutter. At first sight he thought some car had a leaky radiator but on further investigation he discovered the town marshal standing by the curb crying his heart out.

In answer to our query as to why the copious tears, the heart-broken marshal said: "The city dads have ordered me to move all these cars parked along the curb here and I don't know where to put them after I get them moved. As fast as I move one, two more roll into the vacant space. What can I do with a situation like this?"

Well, he had us stumped. We could see very plainly that the parking problem was serious in Decatur but all we could do for the marshal was to take our handkerchief and dry his eyes and nose.

But, seriously, the parking situation in Decatur is a real problem that calls for some sort of adjustment. It has reached the point where most country folks have to go right thru Decatur to some other town to do their trading, all because the prospective customer can't get to the stores for the cars parked in front of them. The situation works a hardship on the merchant and the customer alike. One has the goods to sell and the other wants to buy, but they can't get together for the parked cars.

The situation in Decatur today was brought about by the lack of foresight in its early builders. It seems that Decatur was first laid out away back in Indian times. In fact so far back in those days that there wasn't an Indian in the whole country much over knee high. All the coyotes and Panthers were just kittens and pups and the buffalo were just little calves. The reason given for the streets being so narrow is that in the event of an Indian raid the redskins would have to charge in single file, thus giving the natives a chance to fill their red hides full of buckshot as they came up on the square. The square was made small so that the court officials would not have to go far to get a drink. Of course there was a well in the center of the square in those early days but rumor has it that water was not a popular drink in

those trying times. It seems that many people in those days were firm believers in a certain snake-bite remedy, and some extremists were so fond of the remedy that they actually carried their pet snake along with them so as not to miss a dose at regular hours.

But whatever the mistakes of the early builders, the present citizenship must work out its own problems. The congested traffic on the square on busy days is appalling. It has reached the point where one can scarcely get thru without the aid of a maul and wedge. Things have come to the point where it's actually dangerous to be safe while crossing the streets. If you try to cross the street some car will run over you, and when you are put in the ambulance some other car will run over the ambulance and try to finish you up. If you climb a telegraph pole some fool will come along in an airplane and knock you off. And if you try to find safety on the sidewalk you get stepped on by a horse or run over by someone on roller skates or bicycle. It has reached the point where a person, in order to save his life, will be compelled to get a rope and go out and lynch himself. Yes, Decatur is strictly up against it. With her narrow streets, congested traffic and Pat Lynch, she sure has a real problem on her hands.
SKYGAK

SWEETWATER NEWS

Bud Caraway of the Sweetwater community died at the home of his son in Wichita Falls, December 13th. He was buried in the Sweetwater cemetery, December 14th. Rev. Gilbert Wilson, pastor of the church conducting the services.

Bill Hudson left for Eldorado, Okla., last Sunday for a two-week's visit with his sister, Mrs. Everett Hicks.

The Sweetwater school, under the direction of Mr. Johnson, is progressing nicely.

The world's smallest auto weighs but 20 pounds and makes 17 miles an hour.

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Cures Chills and Fever
Intermittent, Remittent and
Bilious Fever due to Malaria.
It kills the Germs

Ladies' & Childrens' COATS

reduced at a time when you can get the benefit of wearing them for Christmas Holidays. There will be no excuse for not visiting this Christmas.



26 Ladies' Coats, former price up to \$14.85—Christmas Gift price	\$6.95
15 Ladies' Coats, former price up to \$39.75—Christmas Gift price	\$10.00
4—\$19.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$14.95
3—\$24.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$18.55
9—\$29.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$22.35
1—\$34.75 Ladies' Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$25.95
3—\$39.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$29.85
1—\$49.75 Ladies' Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$37.75

CHILDREN'S COATS

Just at a time to make their little hearts glad—

1 only Child's \$2.25 Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$1.65
3 only Child's \$3.95 Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$2.25
5 only Child's \$3.75 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$2.95
10 only Child's \$4.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$3.65
20 only Child's \$5.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$4.45
7 only Child's \$6.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$5.95
4 only Child's \$9.85 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$7.35



Men's New Spring Stetson Hats make an ideal gift for him—we have them.

Kimonas—Lounging Robes—House Shoes and thousands of other worth-while gifts for the entire family. Come over and let us help with "your troubles."

ASSOCIATED  STORES

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY
UNINCORPORATED
Decatur, Texas

We Hope This Christmas Will be a Bright One for You.

You people who read this greeting have been good to us, good friends and good customers.

It is our sincere wish that this Christmas day will find you and yours blessed with health, prosperity and happiness.

We cannot fully measure this wish in words, for the spirit in which we greet you is greater than words.

A happy Christmas to you!

CANDIES, GRAPES, APPLES, ORANGES
GRAPEFRUIT, ETC.

Santa will get his Goodies for the kiddies here
All Prices Reasonable

Apples by the Box at Bargain Prices

PARR GROCERY

North Side Square ---

--- Decatur, Texas

THE MOST WIDELY CIRCULATED NEWSPAPER IN WISE COUNTY

"THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR CIRCULATION"

Wise County Messenger

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear at any time in the columns of the messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.—DICK COLLINS, Publisher.

Subscription Rate—\$1.50 per Year

Western 50 TELEPHONES Independent 45

Friday Morning, December 21, 1928

Merry Christmas.

It will soon be time to make those new resolutions.

Begin the New Year right by subscribing for the Messenger.

Old Santy is due to arrive on schedule next Monday night.

Remember, whiskey straights cause crooked steps.

In spite of an army of doctors, the king of England stands a good chance to recover from an attack of the grip.

Newspaper reports say Senator Mayfield will reside in Fort Worth when his present term of office as United States senator is at an end. He says he will practice law.

Rumor has it that Cyclone Davis will take the lead in keeping alive the little family row in the state party. And, if pressed, says the same rumor, Cyclone would take office.

While you are enjoying Christmas do not forget those who are not so fortunate. If you cause a ray of sunshine to fall across their path you will the more enjoy the Yuletide season. Try it.

Before Pat Neff, is reappointed to that fat position he has been holding

down for some time, Senator Earl B. Mayfield will have to find out if Mr. Neff measures up to the standard as an office-holder, etc.

Just can't help but think that the drunken driver at the wheel of an automobile is as dangerous to the peace, quietude and pursuit of happiness of the general public as the fellow who is engaged in the nefarious business of making the drunk-producing stuff.

If Messenger should publish all the "free copy," from concerns thruout the country seeking free publicity we would be compelled to enlarge the paper. It is an old trick, but we notice that a number of country newspapers are falling for it.

There is only one kind of advertising that pays the merchant; there is only one kind of publication that can bring the results desired and expected by the advertiser. Select the newspaper that has a "standing in its community; a newspaper that has a circulation among the people whose trade the merchant seeks. Simple truth, Mr. Merchant.

Messenger extends greetings of the season to its thousands of readers. Merry Christmas to you all. You are the stimulating power behind this newspaper; by your splendid support and encouragement you have caused

the makers of the Messenger to put it in the front rank of Texas country newspapers; to lead the procession in newspaperdom in this section. Your preference for the Messenger has given it rank as an advertising medium among the merchants of the town and county, and the paper enters the new year, 1929 as the leading publication of the home town and county, with a record in circulation and amount of advertising carried. During the year just closing the Messenger increased its commanding lead as the county's most popular publication and the premier advertising medium. And, all is due to the loyalty of Messenger friends. Thank you all; and may Santa and his saints remember you as you so richly deserve.

Times and conditions have outstripped the old-time country newspaperman, and slowly his ranks are being diminished. The "patent" inside, boiler-plate, has outlived its attractiveness for the reading subscribers, all are passing to the discard. The advertiser today demands service at the hands of the newspaper patronized; pleas of the old-times about C. O. D. shipments of paper, and solicitations for patronage on the score of poverty fall on deaf ears in this day of progress and the new order. Yet, there are a few about. This week a Decatur merchant told of a visit from one of the old-timers; pleading for patronage for his paper on the ground that "he had been in the business a long time, and needed assistance to get a C. O. D. package of paper from the express office." The country newspaper today that is worth the patronage of the business man, is a business institution conducted as any other business is conducted. Anything short of this fails to meet the demands of the up and going progressive advertiser.

PISTOL PACKERS

"Gun toting" or "pistol packing" has come to be regarded as an American outdoor sport. Tucked into the hip pockets or harnessed under the armpits of more than the public realizes are hundreds of thousands of revolvers and automatic pistols. Every one of them is a violation of a state law or municipal ordinance—wherever the offender is doing the carrying act.

If the police departments of the various cities of the country were to search all pedestrians and auto drivers on any unannounced night, the

collection would be stupendous. The fact that not one in fifty could furnish a tangible reason for being so armed would be the feature of the roundup. Probably in Fort Worth tonight there are many hundreds of armed men on the streets—including negroes, Mexicans and those "without visible means of support." Out on the highways there are thousands of cars whose drivers are armed with the deadly "one hand gun." That it can be of infinitesimal use to them as protection, and can be of danger as an article of the destruction of human life, is beside the point with the "packers."

Public opinion should support the police departments in an honest attempt to stop the practice of carrying concealed weapons. Honest men have no use for them and those who are not honest should be deprived of their aid.—Ft. Worth Record-Telegram.

BRIDGE AND DIVORCE

A Chicago judge, after hearing a divorce suit based on the husband's conduct during a bridge game, gave it as his opinion that husbands and wives should not play bridge together.

It was brought out in the case that the wife had doubled a four-bid in diamonds and that as a result the opponents made game when they otherwise wouldn't. It angered her husband so that he struck her. That was inexcusable. Anyone is liable to double when he shouldn't. Again, wife trumped her husband's lead of an ace, with a view of leading for a ruff, and again he biffed her. That was wrong on his part, for there are times when trumping an ace is justified.

But the next time, her husband had doubled one no-trump. She had a bust hand and was so disgusted with it that she failed to bid a take-out. Her husband hit her again, probably a little harder than before. Then she quit him and sued for divorce. The only time he was really justified in using physical violence, she quit him.

The judge said that married couples should not play bridge together. Certainly they should not, when the wife is one who fails to bid a take-out.

The dispatch didn't say so, but we'll wager that the judge is both a married man and a bridge player himself.—Wichita Times.

It is said in less than 50 years the United States will have 100,000,000 population.

In 1839 there was only one camera in the world.

The United States uses \$75,000,000 worth of tea annually.

Edinburgh is planning to become the flying center of Scotland.

Queensland, Australia has established a traveling dental clinic, immediate itinerary being broadcast by radio every Thursday.

The biggest bell ever forged in England was recently shipped to the United States.

YOU ARE INVITED

To A

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

SHOWING OF

Model A Ford Cars

In Our Show Room, Dec. 17th-24th

We will be glad to explain the mechanical features of the New Ford as well as give you a demonstration of its excellent riding and driving qualities.



DECATUR MOTOR CO

North Trinity St.

Decatur

Now Is the Time!

to subscribe for your home and county paper at a reduced rate. If you are now a subscriber to the Messenger, renew while the rate is cut. For the low price of \$1.00 you can have the most popular paper in the county visit you weekly for twelve months.

The Messenger is rounding out fifty years of service to its readers, and it starts the new year with renewed vigor and a commanding lead in the newspaper field of this section of Texas.

First in County News

First in Circulation

First in the Homes of Wise county people

Eight Pages with Monthly Supplement

ENROLL TODAY WITH MESSENGER READERS

\$1.00 For the Year

Happiness to You!

Peace to Those You Love

To you, our friends and good neighbors, we extend the greetings of this happy season.

May the star of peace shine steadfastly above your home, and the spirit of good will dwell in your heart. This is our earnest Christmas wish.

May you have the triumphant victory of the true Christmas spirit of peace and good will. May your heart expand and the joy of life broaden in you as this spirit grows in you.

We wish for you the happiness of an unbroken household, the joy of friendly living, and the peace of prosperity.

DAN BUCK

New & Second-Hand Furniture

East Main St.

Decatur, Texas

...ale Wood, grey and fancier, ...es that a picture will be made of ...s and owners on Monday, January ...n, and he requests that all who ...have greyhounds bring them in on ...that day and participate in a free- ...for-all rabbit run that is to be staged ...south of Decatur. Date will give a ...five-dollar greenback to the owner of ...the dog that catches the greatest ...number of rabbits.

Baum Makes Gift to Scouts

Miss Bell Ford, leader of the local Girl Scouts organization, has received from Ed H. Baumgartner a Christmas present to the scouts organization of a check for \$25.00. Miss Ford said the money would be used to purchase needed uniforms for each of the girl members and to carry forward little incidental charity work. It need not be said that the girls organization is highly appreciative of Baumgartner's generosity.

Entertain Prominent Visitor

Wednesday's luncheon of the Lion's club proved unusually interesting. Margaretta Moody and Jessie Ramsey, of Decatur College contributed a pleasing program of violin and piano numbers and Miss Scott, extension teacher in the Rhome school, lighted with a reading. Other guests were Mr. John of Bridgeport, Mrs. Carl Slay, who accompanied Miss Scott from Rhome. The president of the club announced a date for the next meeting. The subject will be "Resolved, that the American Borealis shines brighter and is more use to civilization than the evening Bug." Lion Luther Tucker has the affirmative side and the other side the negative. A penalty of \$5.00 will be assessed for failure of either side to respond. Coming at the next meeting also will be serious business of the election of officers for the next year. A special nominating committee was appointed to make recommendations of officers.

Letters From Messenger Friends

Messenger is human, and letters like following make the editor feel his efforts are appreciated, and appreciates his friends and the daily words they express.

Paradise.—Keep the Messenger coming to me; can't do without it.—J. Cleveland

Dallas, Texas.—Dear Dick: As you always seem a little white headed who lost his cap at school, I your article about Mrs. Crismon, and I think it fine; to throw while we live. We old people few of them. I see footprints on sand of time. Your dear old dad came to our house in Slidell many years ago, vowing "they were stacked at Burton's like sardines in a box," and we enjoyed his visit with us. I remember him saying that "Dick will carry on this work when I am planted" and I see you are true to the word he left you. Dr. Turner and I say your paper so much. Wishing on Wise county people a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.—Ada Turner.

An Angelo, Texas.—Dear Dick: the good old Messenger keep coming. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the wish from us.—N. W. Holcomb and Bascom.

Dallas, Texas.—Dear Mr. Collins: I do enjoy reading the Messenger Saturday morning, and want to compliment you on the splendid success you are having with the paper. Give everyone in Decatur my love, and be you and Mrs. Collins enjoy the Christmas holidays.—Ann Plaxco.

Austin, Texas.—Friend Dick: I read my Wise County Messenger and read with a heart full of earnestness and appreciation the beautiful tribute you paid to my brother. It all rang so true and sincere. I am sure nothing more appropriate or full of feeling could have been written by anyone. I am sure I am voicing the opinion of the family who will read it. I say it is the sweetest I have read, and we all thank you very much for the beautiful and loving tributes contained therein. With the kindest regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, Sincerely, Friend, C. V. Terrell.

Dear Clifton of Altus, Okla., who recently underwent an operation at the Sanitarium is recovering nicely. It will be out in time to spend the day with home-folk at

WANT WOODRUFF FOR SPEAKER

County Supporters Ask Members to Elect Him to Post

Realizing that the elective representatives of the people of Texas when they assemble in Austin in January in the forty-first legislature, will desire to elect as their presiding officer a man who is free from any bias in favor of or prejudice against any of our state institutions and one who is not a hold-over from any previous trades made in the speakership contests, the citizens of Wise county offer the name of the Honorable Grady Woodruff of Decatur, as a candidate for speaker.

Mr. Woodruff has the confidence and esteem of the citizenship of Wise county, which he has ably and worthily represented in the house of representatives during two sessions of the legislature. He is a lawyer of ability and possesses dignity and poise so essential to the speakership of the house of representatives. He is an adept parliamentarian. His judicious mind and calmness bespeak for the house a fair-minded presiding officer.

Wise county citizens and taxpayers do not believe that the house will desire to elect any man who represents a district in which is located an institution whose representatives will be knocking on the door of the appropriations committee, the members of which are appointed without review from the house by the speaker, asking for large appropriations of the People's money. Nor do they believe that the next legislature, composed largely of new members, will wish to elect a man as speaker simply because of promises made in the heat of the speakership campaign of two years ago.

In Mr. Woodruff the membership of the house has an opportunity to elect a man thoroughly familiar with the routine of legislative machinery, from a section of the state which has not furnished a speaker in many years and who, in every respect, will prove worthy of the great trust and obligations of his native state.

BILL BOARD IS ATTRACTIVE SIGN

Decatur's unique town advertising bill board that sits on the railroad and highway rights of way just off East Main street where the street turns into the highway elicits no end of comment from travelers. It blazes to the world the internationally famous ejaculation, "Eighteen from Decatur," in all verity it puts over well and thoroughly the job of town advertising.

For instance it occasioned a remark from Deputy District Governor Gray of the Lions Clubs International, who was a guest of the local club at the luncheon recently. Lion Gray said he felt right at home when he reached Decatur on the bus and read the familiar emblem of crap shooting notoriety on the sign board. "Many a time when I was a student I found myself in beleaguered circumstances, when the only thing to do was to supplicate a bestial of luck at the hands of the celebrated Eighter," he said. Then to prove his reformation, Lion Gray went ahead and preached the Lions an inspiring sermon on the worth of character.

This entire incident brings to mind the belated thanks that were voted President Dodson by the chamber of commerce last Monday night for his act of generosity in erecting the sign at his own expense and for his several subsequent acts of keeping the sign board "painted." Coupled with the resolution were also terms of appreciation of Mr. Dodson for having sent a delegate to the state, terracing school at Arlington recently, and for services and leadership in connection with the recent district chamber of commerce convention.

Sam Faith of Plainview, is here at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Faith is eighty years of age and has been in failing health for several years.

Miss Mary Frances Whitehead of T. W. C., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.



Hon. Grady Woodruff

OFFICER SHARP IS TOWN COP

Charles Sharp has been appointed a special officer with police powers by the mayor and city council to preserve order, direct traffic and to make himself generally useful during the stress of the holidays. He began his duties Tuesday and already an improvement is noted. Officer Sharp is under injunctions in one particular to restrain thoughtless young America from doing possible serious damage from the explosion of fireworks in hazardous situations. Considerable complaint has already arisen from this source, especially on the part of women guests of the town who have been rendered extremely nervous by having fireworks thrown under their feet. It is no part of a desire of city officials, according to statements from them to unduly interfere with holiday gaieties and their restraint will extend only to the protection of life, limbs and nerves as well as a proper control of traffic in the interest of the convenience of all.

MISS ALMA SIMMS GETS HIGH PRAISE

With regard to the two garden contests conducted by the Woman's Home Demonstration Club, under the guidance of Miss Alma Sims, county home demonstration agent, at Paradise last spring and fall, Miss Sims has received a very complimentary letter from Fred W. Westcott, director of rural college, C. I. A., Denton, who judged both exhibits.

A part of Mr. Westcott's comment to Miss Sims was as follows: "Under separate cover I am returning the spring and fall garden contest records. I enjoy looking over them and without flattering I must say they are wonderful reports."

"I am attaching my score cards for both the spring and fall shows. The spring show totaled 884 points of a possible thousand and the fall show 867 points."

Paradise women made two exhibitions of vegetables in the spring at Paradise, and in the fall at Decatur in connection with Miss Sims county home demonstration exhibit held in the chamber of commerce hall. Both were splendid showings of the products that may be grown in a garden in Wise county and were highly creditable both to the Paradise women and to Miss Sims.

Z. F. Lillard, local Chevrolet dealer, headed a party of Wise county citizens who went to Dallas Tuesday to see the new cars now on display for the first time in this section of the state. Large delegations from other parts of the state were in attendance, and from expressions heard about the latest Chevrolet, the new machine will prove one of the most popular cars that has ever been constructed. The demonstration was held in the junior ball room of the Adolphus hotel in Dallas.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the members of the Wise County Home Protective Association, No. 1 will meet on the First Monday in January at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. All members are requested to be present. J. C. DUNAWAY, Secretary.

Mrs. B. W. Donaldson is very ill at her home in south Decatur.

PATRON SAINT VISITS DECATUR

Gives Tickets for Prizes and Will Return Here Tomorrow

Old Santa came to Decatur last Saturday and spread joy in the hearts of a host of little folks. They had all assembled on the streets and walks to greet him and when he emerged in the early afternoon they met him with gleeful acclaim. St. Nick apparently was none the less interesting to the kids who have grown up to maturity but who still have the spirit of Santa Claus fortunately abiding in their hearts.

Santa freely distributed tickets for something like a hundred nice prizes now on display in the show windows of the stores and shops of Decatur. These prizes are to be given away to the holders of the lucky numbers next Monday afternoon at five o'clock. Santa Claus will come back again tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon to distribute more tickets. Monday morning a numbered ticket will be put on every show window in town offering prizes and those who, in the distribution of prizes have received numbers to correspond with these numbers, will be given these prizes. All those who have and will receive tickets are invited to inspect the show windows, especially next Monday when the prizes will bear the duplicate numbers. Look for a gift which bears these words on a green placard: "Santa Claus Gift." They are the prizes that are to be given away. Don't forget to make a search of the stores and shops everywhere, all around the square and off the square. Many of these prizes are located in the stores and shops down East Main street and the search should extend that far. Don't present the prize winning tickets until five o'clock of Monday afternoon.

Santa will make his third visit on Monday afternoon but instead of tickets for presentation will bring along a quantity of tokens for little folks who should be there to receive them.

The committee's program will close Christmas Eve with a band concert and the singing of carols on the public square. Everybody is invited to come out and join in the singing of the old songs.

LAWYERS CALL DOWN PAPER

To the Editor of the Messenger:

In the issue of the Messenger, of December 14, there was a statement attributed to Mr. W. C. Shults, attorney, to the effect that in the suit of Mrs. Effie Covington against the Sextet Local Mutual Aid Association judgment was awarded to Mrs. Covington by the district court, and that the court of civil appeals had affirmed the judgment of the district court, and further, that the supreme court had now reversed the judgments of the district court and the court of civil appeals and rendered judgment in the case in favor of the insurance association.

As attorneys for Mrs. Covington in this litigation we had not supposed that the case was of sufficient public concern to draw a front page position in the Messenger, but as the Messenger made a page 1 story out of the matter we feel that it is not inappropriate in the interest of accuracy—to suggest some revision of the Messenger's report in the particulars mentioned, i. e., that Mrs. Covington won the case in the district court and in the court of civil appeals but that the supreme court had now reversed the two lower courts and had decided the case in favor of the insurance association.

Considering the Messenger's great reputation for fairness and truth in its columns, we feel sure that, in its reports of matters deemed to be of public interest, it does not intend to mislead its vast body of readers, and that it will give to this correction of its report of the Covington case a place of prominence equal to that of the first report published. So assuming, we shall say then that, as the court records show, Mrs. Covington did not win the case in the district court, and the court of civil appeals did not affirm the judgment of the

POPULAR PAPER LIST IS GROWING

Between Fifteen Hundred and Two Thousand Will Enroll

New and renewal subscriptions during the past few days received by the Messenger:

J. A. Carl, Byrd & Sons, J. F. Blackerby, M. W. Burch, C. P. Dodson, George T. Elder, L. L. Hoyt, Miss Maud Hogg, J. L. Jones, D. L. Kerr, Mrs. E. B. Melton, Cody Milligan, Miss Salbie Montgomery, H. B. Pearson, Rev. H. B. Singleton, R. H. Phillips, Ira Stepp, Louis Shulkey, Chas. Spain, John Bramlett, Miss Alma Foxall, W. P. Thurmond, Mrs. Ellen Brock, T. H. Brown, Hattie B. Holmes, Mrs. A. S. Kenney, John Orr, W. R. Malone, P. T. Kerr, J. A. Hayes, Hayes Crowder, H. J. Brashier, A. J. Lamm, G. L. King, S. B. Daggett, J. H. Crowder, J. F. Womack, W. S. Gilbert, H. M. Mooney, John Collins, Miss Maud Newberry, J. M. Covey, John Fennel, L. L. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Caver, J. H. Hilton, C. W. Spain, R. E. Neely, W. H. Portwood, M. A. Burt, J. M. Read, C. B. Measkey, J. W. Barrett, H. D. Smith, Mrs. Frank Caraway, J. H. Boyett, W. O. Owens, J. L. Cox, Bob Caraway, Will Renshaw, Edward Clark, Nap Best, W. A. Shults, E. B. Brown, Fred Milligan, H. Hudson, Chester Minyard, A. J. Watts, L. C. Murrell, W. E. Hodges, J. G. Gasperton, C. E. Bridges, A. W. Byrd, Bud Bailey, A. L. Maddux, J. C. Henry, G. R. Cook, W. F. Steele, M. L. McBride, M. T. Gentry, J. D. Erwin, J. W. Armstrong, W. A. Ransberry, G. Q. Woody, J. L. Sellers, L. C. Toland, G. S. King, Mrs. J. C. Dode, E. Williamson, R. B. Rucker, R. Holt, J. E. Giles, W. J. Rotan, W. M. Rhine, R. C. Meek, Mrs. Clifford Read, T. L. Petty, J. B. Hix, E. L. Brandenburg, Frank Clay, Mrs. M. Gettys, E. B. Clark, W. B. Watkins, J. E. Douglas, C. F. Rawle, Dr. S. J. Petty, Robt. L. Taylor, A. A. Walker, Mrs. R. L. Thibault, Chas. E. Nichols, Arch A. Burdiss, John F. Harrison, Miss Nettie P. Boissac, Mrs. John Collier Foster, Walter B. Man.

district. To the contrary, Mrs. Covington lost the decision in the district court, but upon appeal of the case to the court of civil appeals at Fort Worth, that court reversed the judgment of the district court and rendered judgment against the insurance association and in Mrs. Covington's favor. The insurance association thereupon filed its application in the supreme court for a writ of error, solely upon the theory that the decision in favor of Mrs. Covington by the Fort Worth court of civil appeals was in conflict with the decision of a somewhat similar case by the court of civil appeals at Texarkana.

The courts of civil appeals are intermediate courts, subordinate in power and jurisdiction to the supreme court, and, in order to preserve uniformity in our system of jurisprudence when the decisions and opinions of the intermediate courts come into conflict with each other, as they sometimes do, it becomes the duty of the supreme court, upon proper presentation of the matter to it, to reconcile the conflict, or to declare which one of the intermediate courts has properly decided the question.

In the Covington case the supreme court granted the insurance association's application for a writ of error because of the alleged conflict between the decisions of the courts of civil appeals before mentioned, but this action of the supreme court does not in any sense mean that that court has decided the case against Mrs. Covington and in favor of the insurance association. It means merely that the case has been docketed and will be set down for a hearing at a future date, and, assuming that there is a conflict between the decisions of the courts of civil appeals upon the question involved in the Covington case, it is therefore yet to be determined whether or not Mrs. Covington has lost her case, for the court of last resort has not yet spoken for or against her.

It is not our purpose to attempt to forecast the decision of the supreme court, but we do not think it out of place to say that, when we took the Covington case to the Fort Worth court of civil appeals we were well aware of what the Texarkana court had already said upon the supposedly similar question.

PATTERSON & CATES

DAIRY CENTER DRAWS PEOPLE

Want Information Concerning Decatur and Big Industry

During the present year the chamber of commerce has handled a considerable volume of correspondence on the subject of the dairy industry of Wise county. The following two inquiries which came last week are examples of the kind of information that is desired. Such inquiries and the many others like them received thruout the year attest that Wise county has acquired notoriety thruout the southwest for progress made in diversified farming pursuits. The letters:

"Summer, Texas—I wish to have information regarding the selling of whole milk and also cream."

"I have been reading in the papers about Decatur and surrounding country being made prosperous thru cows and would like to know the price of the land in general.—J. D. Ingram."

"Mangum, Okla.—The president of our Kiwanis Club, who is also a director of our chamber of commerce, has asked me to write you for information with reference to the dairy industry in Decatur. That is, just what it has done for Decatur and Wise county, also especially any information you might give regarding the drying plant."

"We will need this information to be able to give our chamber of commerce in an open meeting the 17th some idea of what we want to do for our county the next year."

"The writer will especially appreciate anything you might say and some time try to reciprocate.—C. L. Alexander."

Somebody try to land the writer of the first letter as a citizen. If you have a farm for sale write to this inquire about it.

RED CROSS IS NEEDING FUNDS

The number of persons affected by the West Indian hurricane which in September caused heavy loss of life and property destruction in Florida, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, is placed at 500,000 in a preliminary report on the disaster and the subsequent relief work of the American Red Cross made public today by S. A. Lillard, chairman of the local chapter.

With a relief fund of approximately \$5,567,000 the Red Cross is engaged in a reconstruction program in the effected territory which is said to be next to the largest disaster relief tasks the organization has ever faced in this country. Only following the great Mississippi Valley flood of 1927 has it ever before been called upon to administer to the relief needs of as many sufferers from one catastrophe.

Reported deaths in Porto Rico are given in the report as 271, while more than 3,000 persons were injured. In Florida more than 1,801 were killed, mostly by drowning, and about the same number injured. Property damage was extensive in both areas, a total of 136,994 home and other buildings being destroyed or damaged in Porto Rico, while 31,615 suffered a similar fate in Florida. In addition to this Porto Rico suffered the loss of approximately 9,300 head of live stock and 220,000 chickens and other poultry. So heavy was the destruction on the islands that not less than a half million persons were left destitute.

All emergency relief work in both disaster areas has been completed, the report states, and the organization is concentrating its efforts on reconstruction measures, looking toward the permanent reestablishment of families. Chief among these are assistance in rebuilding and repairing damaged structures, providing household effects, making special provisions for widows and orphans left destitute by the disaster, and the extension of special assistance to farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cunningham of Abeline, are visiting Mrs. Cunningham's mother, Mrs. Mattie Wallace, and other friends and relatives in and around Decatur.

Ira Mailey was in Dallas Tuesday.

OLD SETTLER OF COUNTY PASSES

Mrs. C. C. Thompson, more than half century a citizen of Wise county, died Thursday afternoon, December 13th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Sellers, in Fort Worth, following a long illness. For the past two years Mrs. Thompson has made her home in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Sellers. Mrs. Thompson at the time of her death was 80 years of age. Old timers in Wise county will remember her as a woman of exceptional ability, and one who took a leading part in the social affairs of the community when she and her husband, the lamented Capt. Charlie Thompson lived on a farm south of Decatur. Many social affairs were given at the Thompson home, and genuine southern hospitality was found there at all times. Mrs. Thompson had numerous friends in Decatur and community, and they appreciated her for her splendid worth as a citizen and neighbor.

As Alice Beeson she came to Wise county in 1869 and here met C. C. Thompson whom she married in 1871. Mr. Thompson was a confederate soldier and Indian fighter. He died fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Thompson was a native of Kentucky. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Beeson, she came in a wagon to Texas and the family settled at Daingerfield in 1857. Her uncle, a Dr. Beeson, was a founder of Trinity University at Waco, Texas.

When the farm, five miles south of Decatur, was bought from Peter Smith, who afterward was mayor of Fort Worth, the future Mrs. Thompson drove with her family to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Thompson often related stories of a horse the family owned in Wise county. To keep the Indians from stealing him, the horse, on moonlight nights, was kept tied to the front gate. On those rare occasions in the early days "when a man had to leave the country" the horse was sometimes loaned out. The man would ride him until he reached safety and then turn the horse loose and he would find his way back home.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by two

daughters, Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. T. C. McMurray, of Fort Worth; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the chapel of Harveson & Cole in Fort Worth, Rev. E. H. Eckel, rector of the St. Andrews Episcopal church, officiating. The body was brought to the Sand Hill cemetery, where interment took place. A large number of Decatur citizens, long-time friends of the deceased, attended the burial.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Dell will preach next Sunday morning on, "The Gift That Christ Desires." At 7 p. m. the choir will give a sacred concert, the program of which appears elsewhere.

At 7 p. m. Monday there will be a Christmas tree in the church. But before the appearance of Santa Claus twenty-four girls from the intermediate department of the Sunday school will present a Christmas pantomime, "At the Door of the Inn." The scene is laid before the khan at Bethlehem during the late afternoon and night of the nativity. This pantomime will be presented under the direction of Mrs. B. A. Man and will be well worth the time of all who can attend. All are invited.

BUFFET SUPPER GIVEN D. H. S. FOOTBALL BOYS

The members of the Decatur High School football team with their friends were given a buffet supper at the school building last Friday night. Before going to the school building the party assembled at the home of Miss Virginia Patterson, where games were played.

Capt. Jim Smith was master of ceremonies, and during the supper speeches were made by J. P. Porter, football manager; Charley Belew, captain of the team; J. B. Roach, line captain, and Superintendent L. B. Gill.

Following the supper they returned to the Patterson home, where they had another social hour.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert Harland and Miss Lona Ham, Harvey Faith and Miss Irene Denny, Loyce J. Terry and Miss Wilma H. Sherrell.

WOLF BOUNTY GIVEN INCREASE

Responding to the supplication of many citizens of the county that an endeavor be made to exterminate the wolf pest of the county the Wise county commissioner's court, following an open hearing granted on the request last Monday, has decided to pay a bounty for the capture and killing of wolves anywhere in the county.

As a preliminary, however, the county will first be compelled to seek a special exemption of Wise county from the provisions of the present state law which limits expenditures for wolf bounties to two dollars per wolf. This precedent has been followed by numerous counties of Texas which have desired to offer a higher bounty than is allowed by the present statute. The court has already arranged with Representative Woodruff for the introduction of this special local bill to affect Wise county in the session of the state legislature that meets early in January. Representative Woodruff is of the opinion there will be no delay in the passage of the bill and that the court will be empowered to act early in the year in its desire to start the campaign of wolf clean-up in time to afford some protection to livestock, poultry and turkey raisers in advance of the spring breeding and hatching season.

The court and County Judge Faith acted as a unit in favor of the movement, being convinced on the evidence submitted by leading farmers and citizens of the county that the costly depredations of wolves in Wise county should speedily be terminated. They are of the opinion also that the payment of a good stiff bounty will be necessary to stimulate a wholesale onslaught on the large number of wolves in the county by citizen trappers and those who have dog packs.

Church of Christ

There will be preaching at the Church of Christ in Decatur next Sunday, December 23rd, by regular minister, Rev. J. F. Killian of Fort Worth.

Bible lesson at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

You are invited to attend.

Sunday Evening Program at Baptist Church

The following is the program of special music to be given at the Baptist church Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock.

Sing Aloud Choir
It Came upon the Midnight Clear Choir
O, Night Divine Solo
Mrs. F. V. McMordie
Jesus Our Lord Solo; Women's Cho.
Miss Frances Roberts, Soloist
Birthday of a King Solo
Clarence Ford
Silent Night Double Quartet
Star of Bethlehem Solo
Miss Lennie Blewett
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Choir
O, Come All Ye Faithful Double Qt.
Away in a Manger Duet
T. F. Glosup; Miss L. Blewett
When Jordan Hushed Choir
The Heavenly Star Solo
Miss Frances Roberts
All Hail the Power Choir
O, Holy Night Solo
Thos. F. Glosup
Joy to the World Choir

SORE GUMS—Pyrria

Heal your gums and save your teeth. Its simple. Just get a bottle of Leto's Pyrrhea Remedy and follow directions. Don't delay; do it now. Leto's is always guaranteed.

Renfro's Drug Store

Gas Made Her Cross Can't Eat or Sleep

"When I ate I would bloat up with gas. I couldn't sleep, was cross and nervous. Adrika has given me real relief."—Mrs. Glenn Butler.

Adrika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adrika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see

how much better you feel. surprise you!

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FOR Nursing Mothers Scott's Emulsion

Anction Sale

AT AUDOBON, THURSDAY, DEC. 27,

Beginning at 10 a. m.; We will sell—

CATTLE, HORSES, FARM IMPLEMENTS, HAY, ETC

C. R. POWELL

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A WEEKLY PAY CHECK

IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY FARMER WHO CAN PRODUCE AND DELIVER TO THE DECATUR MARKET AS MUCH AS TEN GALLONS OF MILK PER DAY

TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

Gifts for Everybody from Store of Christmas Spirit

Our entire sales force have been busy all the week arranging stocks and putting on display holiday goods in order to make your shopping much easier. Come—Let us help you solve your gifts problems. Everything for the entire family here. Visit the store of Christmas Spirit

For Mother, Sister, or Sweetheart Say It With a Smile

Ladies' Coats	\$9.95 to \$35.00
Silk Dresses	\$5.95 to \$25.00
Bath Robes	\$3.95 to \$14.95
Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Children's Sweaters	98c to \$4.95
Mantle Clocks	\$3.95
Vanity Sets	98c, \$1.50 to \$6.50
Vanity Sets	50c to \$2.50
Handkerchief Boxes	25c to \$2.50
Luncheon Sets	\$1.00 to \$4.95
Bridge Sets	75c to \$2.50
Ladies' Purses	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Hat Boxes	\$3.45 to \$10.00
Silk Hosiery	50c to \$3.95
Bath Sets	85c to \$2.50
Guest Towels	50c to \$1.95
Bath Mats	98c to \$2.48
Garter Sets	25c to \$1.25
Puff Sets	25c to \$2.50
Beaded Necklace	98c to \$4.95
Silver Mesh Bags	\$2.45 to \$9.00
Week End Bags	\$6.50
Floor Lamps	\$5.95
End Tables	\$2.45
9x12 Congolium Rugs	\$8.85

Greetings

To our many friends and customers who have helped to make 1928 one of our most successful years since we have been in business, we extend to you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you ever enjoy health and prosperity.

For Men and Young Men

Overcoats	\$9.85 to \$19.95
Stetson Hats	\$7.50 to \$12.50
Felt Hats	\$2.95 to \$7.50
Dress Shirts	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Hand Bags	\$3.95 to \$15.00
Dress Shoes	\$3.95 to \$10.00
Men's Scarfs	\$1.00 to \$3.45
Slk and Wool Sox	25c to \$1.50
Leather Jackets	\$8.85
Pipe Sets	\$2.50 to \$10.00
Leather Bill Fold	\$1.95 to \$5.00
Watches	\$1.95 to \$3.50
Kid Gloves	\$1.50 to \$3.50
Men's Ties	25c to \$1.50
Silk Handkerchiefs	65c to \$1.00
Lounging Robes	\$5.95 to \$10.00
Smoking Sets	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Cigarette Cases	75c to \$1.00
Cuff Links	35c to \$2.50
Sweaters	98c to \$10.00
Pajamas	\$1.75 to \$2.50
House Shoes	59c
Mens' Belts	50c to \$2.00
Golf Socks	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Hose Suspenders	25c to 50c

These and a thousand other items on display. Come Folks, come. A hearty welcome awaits you here. Come, see our show window! For the convenience of our customers this store will remain open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings until nine o'clock

J. J. Rieger Dry Goods Company

On West Side of Square

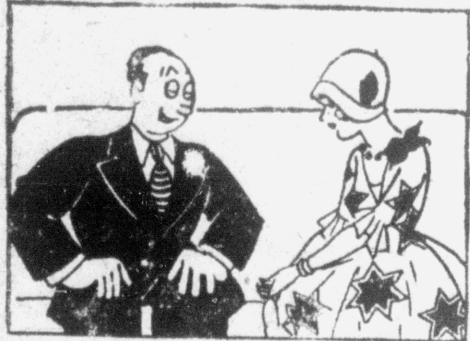
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Decatur, Texas

Happy Moments



When you're introduced to just about the most gorgeous girl you ever laid eyes on—



And she tells you she ADORES a man who dresses with careful good taste—



And when she remarks how UNUSUALLY good-looking your Florsheim shoes are—say—that's a happy moment you never WILL forget!

There's a certain assurance about the smart style of Florsheim Shoes which somehow is passed on to the man who wears them—wherever he goes. And maybe Florsheim good looks alone won't be a girl's favor, but from what we've been told—they certainly do help!

J. J. RIEGER
DRY GOODS COMPANY

SKYGAK SAYS PARKING IS BAD

On a recent Saturday afternoon, while the writer was standing on the corner by the bank, he noticed a considerable quantity of water running along the gutter. At first sight he thought some car had a leaky radiator but on further investigation he discovered the town marshal standing by the curb crying his heart out.

In answer to our query as to why the copious tears, the heart-broken marshal said: "The city dads have ordered me to move all these cars parked along the curb here and I don't know where to put them after I get them moved. As fast as I move one, two more roll into the vacant space. What can I do with a situation like this?"

Well, he had us stumped. We could see very plainly that the parking problem was serious in Decatur but all we could do for the marshal was to take our handkerchief and dry his eyes and nose.

But, seriously, the parking situation in Decatur is a real problem that calls for some sort of adjustment. It has reached the point where most country folks have to go right thru Decatur to some other town to do their trading, all because the prospective customer can't get to the stores for the cars parked in front of them. The situation works a hardship on the merchant and the customer alike. One has the goods to sell and the other wants to buy, but they can't get together for the parked cars.

The situation in Decatur today was brought about by the lack of foresight in its early builders. It seems that Decatur was first laid out away back in Indian times. In fact so far back in those days that there wasn't an Indian in the whole country much over knee high. All the coyotes and Panthers were just kittens and pups and the buffalo were just little calves. The reason given for the streets being so narrow is that in the event of an Indian raid the redskins would have to charge in single file, thus giving the natives a chance to fill their red hides full of buckshot as they came up on the square. The square was made small so that the court officials would not have to go far to get a drink. Of course there was a well in the center of the square in those early days but rumor has it that water was not a popular drink in

those trying times. It seems that many people in those days were firm believers in a certain snake-bite remedy, and some extremists were so fond of the remedy that they actually carried their pet snake along with them so as not to miss a dose at regular hours.

But whatever the mistakes of the early builders, the present citizenship must work out its own problems. The congested traffic on the square on busy days is appalling. It has reached the point where one can scarcely get thru without the aid of a maul and wedge. Things have come to the point where it's actually dangerous to be safe while crossing the streets. If you try to cross the street some car will run over you, and when you are put in the ambulance some other car will run over the ambulance and try to finish you up. If you climb a telegraph pole some fool will come along in an airplane and knock you off. And if you try to find safety on the sidewalk you get stepped on by a horse or run over by someone on roller skates or bicycle. It has reached the point where a person, in order to save his life, will be compelled to get a rope and go out and lynch himself. Yes, Decatur is strictly up against it. With her narrow streets, congested traffic and Pat Lynch, she sure has a real problem on her hands.

SKYGAK

SWEETWATER NEWS

Bud Caraway of the Sweetwater community died at the home of his son in Wichita Falls, December 13th. He was buried in the Sweetwater cemetery, December 14th. Rev. Gilbert Wilson, pastor of the church conducting the services.

Bill Hudson left for Eldorado, Okla., last Sunday for a two-week's visit with his sister, Mrs. Everett Hicks.

The Sweetwater school, under the direction of Mr. Johnson, is progressing nicely.

The world's smallest auto weighs but 20 pounds and makes 17 miles an hour.

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Cures Chills and Fever
Intermittent, Remittent and
Bilious Fever due to Malaria.
It kills the Germs

Ladies' & Childrens' COATS

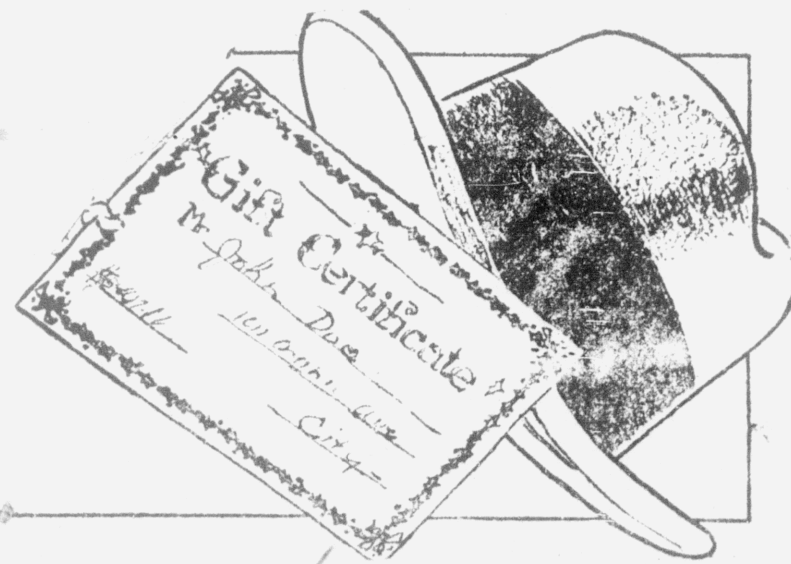
reduced at a time when you can get the benefit of wearing them for Christmas Holidays. There will be no excuse for not visiting this Christmas.



26 Ladies' Coats, former price up to \$14.85—Christmas Gift price	\$6.95
15 Ladies' Coats, former price up to \$39.75—Christmas Gift price	\$10.00
4—\$19.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$14.95
3—\$24.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$18.55
9—\$29.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$22.35
1—\$34.75 Ladies' Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$25.95
3—\$39.75 Ladies' Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$29.85
1—\$49.75 Ladies' Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$37.75

CHILDREN'S COATS

Just at a time to make their little hearts glad—	
1 only Child's \$2.25 Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$1.65
3 only Child's \$3.95 Coat, Christmas Gift price	\$2.25
5 only Child's \$3.75 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$2.95
10 only Child's \$4.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$3.65
20 only Child's \$5.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$4.45
7 only Child's \$6.95 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$5.95
4 only Child's \$9.85 Coats, Christmas Gift price	\$7.35



Men's New Spring Stetson Hats make an ideal gift for him—we have them.

Kimonas—Lounging Robes—House Shoes and thousands of other worth-while gifts for the entire family. Come over and let us help with "your troubles."

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Decatur, Texas

We Hope This Christmas Will be a Bright One for You.

You people who read this greeting have been good to us, good friends and good customers.

It is our sincere wish that this Christmas day will find you and yours blessed with health, prosperity and happiness.

We cannot fully measure this wish in words, for the spirit in which we greet you is greater than words.

A happy Christmas to you!

CANDIES, GRAPES, APPLES, ORANGES
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Santa will get his Goodies for the kiddies here

All Prices Reasonable

Apples by the Box at Bargain Prices

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Friday Morning, December 21, 1928

Merry Christmas.

It will soon be time to make those new resolutions.

Begin the New Year right by subscribing for the Messenger.

Old Santy is due to arrive on schedule next Monday night.

Remember, whiskey straights cause crooked steps.

In spite of an army of doctors, the king of England stands a good chance to recover from an attack of the grip.

Newspaper reports say Senator Mayfield will reside in Fort Worth when his present term of office as United States senator is at an end. He says he will practice law.

Rumor has it that Cyclone Davis will take the lead in keeping alive the little family row in the state party. And, if pressed, says the same rumor, Cyclone would take office.

While you are enjoying Christmas do not forget those who are not so fortunate. If you cause a ray of sunshine to fall across their path you will the more enjoy the Yuletide season. Try it.

Before Pat Neff, is reappointed to that fat position he has been holding

down for some time, Senator Earl B. Mayfield will have to find out if Mr. Neff measures up to the standard as an office-holder, etc.

Just can't help but think that the drunken driver at the wheel of an automobile is as dangerous to the peace, quietude and Pursuit of happiness of the general public as the fellow who is engaged in the nefarious business of making the drunk-producing stuff.

If Messenger should publish all the "free copy," from concerns thruout the country seeking free publicity we would be compelled to enlarge the paper. It is an old trick, but we notice that a number of country newspapers are falling for it.

There is only one kind of advertising that pays the merchant; there is only one kind of publication that can bring the results desired and expected by the advertiser. Select the newspaper that has a "standing in its community; a newspaper that has a circulation among the people whose trade the merchant seeks. Simple truth, Mr. Merchant.

Messenger extends greetings of the season to its thousands of readers. Merry Christmas to you all. You are the stimulating power behind this newspaper; by your splendid support and encouragement you have caused

the makers of the Messenger to put it in the front rank of Texas country newspapers; to lead the procession in newspaperdom in this section. Your preference for the Messenger has given it rank as an advertising medium among the merchants of the town and county, and the paper enters the new year, 1929 as the leading publication of the home town and county, with a record in circulation and amount of advertising carried. During the year just closing the Messenger increased its commanding lead as the county's most popular publication and the premier advertising medium. And, all is due to the loyalty of Messenger friends. Thank you all; and may Santa and his saints remember you as you so richly deserve.

Times and conditions have outstripped the old-time country newspaperman, and slowly his ranks are being diminished. The "patent" inside, boiler-plate, has outlived its attractiveness for the reading subscribers, all are passing to the discard. The advertiser today demands service at the hands of the newspaper Patronized; pleas of the old-times about C. O. D. shipments of paper, and solicitations for patronage on the score of poverty fall on deaf ears in this day of progress and the new order. Yet, there are a few about. This week a Decatur merchant told of a visit from one of the old-timers; pleading for patronage for his paper on the ground that "he had been in the business a long time, and needed assistance to get a C. O. D. package of paper from the express office." The country newspaper today that is worth the patronage of the business man, is a business institution conducted as any other business is conducted. Anything short of this fails to meet the demands of the up and going progressive advertiser.

PISTOL PACKERS

"Gun toting" or "pistol packing" has come to be regarded as an American outdoor sport. Tucked into the hip pockets or harnessed under the armpits of more than the public realizes are hundreds of thousands of revolvers and automatic pistols. Every one of them is a violation of a state law or municipal ordinance—wherever the offender is doing the carrying act.

If the police departments of the various cities of the country were to search all pedestrians and auto drivers on any unannounced night, the

collection would be stupendous. The fact that not one in fifty could furnish a tangible reason for being so armed would be the feature of the roundup. Probably in Fort Worth tonight there are many hundreds of armed men on the streets—including negroes, Mexicans and those "without visible means of support." Out on the highways there are thousands of cars whose drivers are armed with the deadly "one hand gun." That it can be of infinitesimal use to them as protection, and can be of danger as an article of the destruction of human life, is beside the point with the "packers."

Public opinion should support the police departments in an honest attempt to stop the practice of carrying concealed weapons. Honest men have no use for them and those who are not honest should be deprived of their aid.—Ft. Worth Record-Telegram.

BRIDGE AND DIVORCE

A Chicago judge, after hearing a divorce suit based on the husband's conduct during a bridge game, gave it as his opinion that husbands and wives should not play bridge together.

It was brought out in the case that the wife had doubled a four-bid in diamonds and that as a result the opponents made game when they otherwise wouldn't. It angered her husband so that he struck her. That was inexcusable. Anyone is liable to double when he shouldn't. Again, wife trumped her husband's lead of an ace, with a view of leading for a ruff, and again he biffed her. That was wrong on his part, for there are are times when trumping an ace is justified.

But the next time, her husband had doubled one no-trump. She had a bust hand and was so disgusted with it that she failed to bid a take-out. Her husband hit her again, probably a little harder than before. Then she quit him and sued for divorce. The only time he was really justified in using physical violence, she quit him.

The judge said that married couples should not play bridge together. Certainly they should not, when the wife is one who fails to bid a take-out.

The dispatch didn't say so, but we'll wager that the judge is both a married man and a bridge player himself.—Wichita Times.

It is said in less than 50 years the United States will have 190,000,000 population.

In 1839 there was only one camera in the world.

The United States uses \$75,000,000 worth of tea annually.

Edinburgh is planning to become the flying center of Scotland.

Queensland, Australia has established a traveling dental clinic, immediate itinerary being broadcast by radio every Thursday.

The biggest bell ever forged in England was recently shipped to the United States.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

SHOWING OF

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In Our Show Room, Dec. 17th-24th

We will be glad to explain the mechanical features of the New Ford as well as give you a demonstration of its excellent riding and driving qualities.

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Now Is the Time!

to subscribe for your home and county paper at a reduced rate. If you are now a subscriber to the Messenger, renew while the rate is cut. For the low price of \$1.00 you can have the most popular paper in the county visit you weekly for twelve months.

The Messenger is rounding out fifty years of service to its readers, and it starts the new year with renewed vigor and a commanding lead in the newspaper field of this section of Texas.

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First in Circulation

First in the Homes of Wise county people

Eight Pages with Monthly Supplement

ENROLL TODAY WITH MESSENGER READERS

\$1.00

For the Year

Happiness to You!

Peace to Those You Love

To you, our friends and good neighbors, we extend the greetings of this happy season.

May the star of peace shine steadfastly above your home, and the spirit of good will dwell in your heart. This is our earnest Christmas wish.

May you have the triumphant victory of the true Christmas spirit of peace and good will. May your heart expand and the joy of life broaden in you as this spirit grows in you.

We wish for you the happiness of an unbroken household, the joy of friendly living, and the peace of prosperity.

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